

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Ontario Update

April 6, 2022

On behalf of the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC), the following provides important updates regarding the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) situation in Ontario.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

As of April 6, 2022, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed the presence of HPAI, subtype H5N1, in the following regions in Ontario (click on the location name to access the 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity advisory area):

- April 4 – [Township of Centre](#) Wellington (poultry flock)
- April 2 – [Township of Selwyn](#) (backyard flock)
- March 31 – [Township of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation](#) (backyard flock)
- March 30 – [Township of Woolwich](#) (poultry flock)
- March 28 – [Township of Zorra](#) (poultry flock)
- March 27 – [Township of Guelph/Eramosa](#) (poultry flock)

There are also three high-risk premises awaiting test results:

- [Markham](#) (poultry flock)
- [Blenheim](#) (poultry flock)
- [South Glengarry](#) (poultry flock)

Each confirmed infected premise has been placed under quarantine and established. CFIA has specific movement control measures and permitting (as outlined below).

FOR FARMERS AND INDUSTRY IN BIOSECURITY ADVISORY AREAS

Please review the April 5 FBCC Advisory - Canadian Food Inspection Agency Establishes Primary Control Zones and Movement Permitting Process (found [HERE](#)). This communication provides the following information:

- CFIA establishment of Primary Control Zones 1 & 2
- Movement Control Permissions
- CFIA Permitting Hotline info
- Latest info on Specific Permits
- Latest info on General Permits
- Login credentials for the Daily HPAI Update Series, which we encourage you to attend



CRITICAL ACTIONS FOR ALL POULTRY FARMERS & INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

On March 26, 2022, FBCC announced the entire Ontario poultry industry MUST follow heightened biosecurity measures (found [HERE](#)). Farmers are reminded that they should have appropriate biosecurity personal protective equipment (PPE) available for themselves, their employees and anyone entering their premise.

Should birds show any signs of illness, farmers are to call their veterinarian, immediately. It is also recommended they contact the 24-hour FBCC support line, 1-877-SOS-BYRD and board office.

ACCESS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We know that this is a stressful situation for all involved in Ontario's poultry industry. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has resources available to help people navigate these difficult times. Visit their [Mental Health for Farmers – First Aid Kit](#) or call 1-866-267-6255 for the Farmer Wellness Initiative, which provides farmers and members of their household access free counselling sessions with a mental health professional.

STAY INFORMED

FBCC is committed to providing timely communications to Ontario's poultry industry and will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. Please understand that FBCC Board and staff are extremely busy ensuring an effective response to the situation. Your patience during this time is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for FBCC Disease Alerts at www.fbcc.ca. Continue to visit www.fbcc.ca for more information.

THANK YOU

Since the first suspect premise was reported, the FBCC has been leading the first response through mapping and rapid messaging to at-risk premises and service providers. FBCC is focused on risk mitigation strategies and we are working with government, industry and farmers to control the spread of HPAI in Ontario. Many of you have reached out to offer your support, and for that we thank you!

We must work together to keep our sector safeguarded. Now is the time to be vigilant.

Sincerely,

Ingrid DeVisser, FBCC Chair

Dr. Tom Baker, FBCC Incident Commander

